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Monitoring campus climate change

Revised student survey is set to hit campus in March.

Jordan Byrne
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Early March will prove to be an important time for Clemson University, as officials prepare for the administration of the 2015 Campus Climate Survey.

The Campus Climate Survey has been conducted previously in 2010 and 2012, and aims "to ascertain the perception of Clemson University students with regard to issues of diversity, inclusion, appreciation of differences, etc., at our institution."

This year's investigation will see changes, however, in an effort to better analyze and understand the data provided by student responses. Speaking

in respect to these changes, Dr. Kendra Stewart-Tillman, the principal investigator of the 2015 survey, noted that there are some important differences, but that the instrument being used "closely aligns" with the themes investigated in the previous surveys.

"There are some key differences and there are some key similarities. One of the main ones is that we will be able to compare ourselves to other institutions. Every time that the data is presented from the previous campus climate surveys, the question generally is 'Well how does this compare to other institutions?' and we didn't have that answer because it was an in-house instrument that was only used at Clemson."

Following the first iteration of the survey in 2010, officials decided to redistribute the survey in 2012, moving the dates prior to spring break and adding incentives for participants, in hopes of gaining a higher response rate. The incentives were successful, pulling in a healthy 24 percent response rate relative to the 10 percent rate seen in 2010. The results, however, remained the same.

Students answered 130 questions based on a five-point scale, one being "strongly disagree" and five being "strongly agree". Questions were categorized by six main themes including Environment Inside the Classroom, University Commitment,

General Climate (Staff), General Climate (Students), Intercultural Competence, and Impact of learning experiences. Responses for all six categories fell in the 60 percent range.

Ensuing the collection and analysis of results in 2012, President James F. Barker charged Mr. Leon Wiles, Chief Diversity Officer, with the creation of a Campus Climate Task Force that has since worked to improve the areas and conditions which were found inadequate in the survey. The outcome of the survey was presented to a wide variety of Clemson University groups and organizations.

"After the 2012 survey, we wanted to make the results as accessible as possible ... We

really wanted everyone to talk about the results within their respective departments/organizations and develop a plan to address the issues within the auspices of that particular department/organization. Because that's what real change requires," stated Mrs. Althea Richardson, principal investigator on the 2012 Campus Climate Survey and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs.

In moving forward, the university hopes to conduct the survey once every three years in order to give adequate time for the analysis of results and for policies or changes to be put in place to improve these results.

"We are trying to get on a three-year cycle that will allow

time to share the results broadly and give people an opportunity to use the results to inform the work they do in various areas of the university before conducting the survey again," said Mrs. Richardson.

Asked if she thought the recent on campus tension would have any impact of the results of this semester's survey, Dr. Tillman was optimistic.

"I don't know that it is as much the results, what I'm hoping for is that its going to affect the likelihood to take the survey. I'm hoping that there is more realization that this type of survey, that this type of information as far as our campus climate is necessary and that more people will want to participate."

Out of a survey of 4,569 students, approximately 24% of student population:



Information provided by Division of Student Affairs

Tigra scientifica: Beauty is only skin deep

Research indicates skin color in rhesus macaque monkey affects the likelihood of breeding.

Maggie Masterson
Contributor

We humans tend to think that we aren't superficial in choosing a mate: personality, humor, and intelligence all factor into our decision. But for monkeys, desirable qualities may be just skin deep.

A new study in Proceedings of the Royal Society shows that the skin color of rhesus macaque monkeys is linked to how well these monkeys will breed. Interestingly, males with darker skin are more likely to reproduce, as well as males and females who display red skin. In order to confirm these observations, scientists collected images of more than 260 wild rhesus macaque monkeys. They then compared these images to 20 years of genetic parentage data to see if this trait truly influenced chances of reproduction. Their data showed that dark red skin was actually being favored in the species, as that characteristic had increased significantly within the last 20 years.

The truly fascinating component of this discovery is that monkeys with dark skin were likely to produce dark-skin offspring. This observation proves that the dark-skin trait is being

inherited by progeny. According to Dubuc and colleagues, heritability typically explains about 10 to 15 percent of the variation in redness and darkness, but it accounts for up to 30 percent of skin darkness when sexes are considered separately. Knowing that the inheritance of skin color increases when individual sexes are considered, sex-influenced inheritance is most likely the explanation. This may be the first demonstration of a trait that is inherited based on sexual selection rather than benefits for survival. Prior observations and studies have suggested that rhesus macaque monkeys prefer a dark or red face, but this is the first evidence of a genetic component, wherein a darker face is inherited as a beneficial trait by offspring.

In the same way that humans find certain physical features appealing, and thus more desirable in a mate, monkeys do too. The inheritance of the dark skin trait has shown concrete evidence of sexual selection within rhesus macaques, but perhaps other animals may reproduce based on attractive features as well. This information may imply that selection as we know it is changing, but only time will tell.

Savannah Mozingo
Contributor

Food restrictions are vast and complex with reasons ranging from allergies and intolerance to religion and ethics.

In the most recent report from the Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE), nearly 15 million Americans have food allergies. Lifestyle diets are also on the rise, the most popular of which are vegetarianism and veganism. Surveys done by the Vegetarian Resource Group in 2009 and 2010 show a slow and steady increase in the number of vegans and vegetarians. Three percent of the total population identifies as a vegetarian or vegan, and it is expected that there is a higher percentage among college students, making it more important for colleges to be conscious of dining room food options.

The portion of households reporting purchases of gluten-free food products to Nielsen Holdings N.V. hit 11 percent in 2013, rising from 5 percent in 2010. A Mayo Clinic survey in 2012 concluded that only 1.8 million Americans have celiac disease, an autoimmune disorder that causes the body to attack the small intestine when gluten is ingested and can lead to other debilitating medical problems if not diagnosed. However, Harry Balzer, vice president at the market research company NPD Group, said in a 2014 interview

with The New York Times that "about 30 percent of the public says it would like to cut back on the amount of gluten it's eating."

An additional 18 million people, or about 6 percent of the population, is believed to have gluten sensitivity, a less severe problem with the protein in wheat, barley, rye and their relatives that gives elasticity to dough and stability to the shape of baked goods.

Students feel that Clemson University's own response in addressing such a variety of dietary restrictions has been underwhelming.

Junior biological science major Spenser Parnell was diagnosed with celiac disease when he was 3. While there are many gluten-free substitutes available in the market such as the popular Udi's bread, rice pasta and quinoa, Parnell feels his dining hall options don't reflect much of the diversity that is available.

"Lightsey Corner [in Harcombe] is the only gluten free line," Parnell said. "But it's pretty good, so I never really had a problem with it. If anything I couldn't get quite enough to eat without being really repetitive."

Current Clemson University Dining Service initiatives include the provision of online detailed menu and nutrition information as well as its Healthy For Life Wellness Education that encompasses nutrition news

and dietitian advice.

Some students feel that, while their on-campus dining hall options have improved, their best option remains to be cooking for themselves.

"The dining halls have a surprising number of gluten-free options but they tend to be low quality," senior graphic communications major Nora Brazell, who is gluten-intolerant, said. "For example, Harcombe had gluten-free pizza crusts that one of the workers could prepare a pizza on and then bake. However, the entire process took close to 20 minutes."

Sophomore education major Grace Farley said that she became vegan during high school for health reasons. After experiencing positive results, such as decreased feelings of lethargy, and further educating herself on the meat industry and its environmental impacts, Farley continued to maintain her vegan diet up until college.

"When I came to college, I initially tried to remain strictly vegan because this is the diet that makes me feel best, but I found myself eating the same things almost daily in the dining hall: salad and stirfry," Farley said. "It was easier to eat vegetarian, so I did. I am now a sophomore, and this year I chose not to have a meal plan because it is much easier to have variety as a vegan when I cook for myself."

Senior psychology major Julia Turner said that she has

preferred cooking on her own to a meal plan because she feels like the quality of food that she purchases for herself is better and less expensive.

Turner said, "When I came in as a freshman, I was a pescetarian. I felt very frustrated mostly because it was hard for me to feel like I could get sufficient protein. I ended up eating a lot of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. I would eat a lot of fish but there was minimal fish in the dining. I found it difficult to feel like I was getting a well-balanced and diverse diet that fulfilled my nutritional needs. When I moved off-campus I felt like there was much more flexibility in what I was able to eat."

When asked about how she feels about the possibility of Dining Services addressing various dietary needs, Turner said she was positive but realizes that there are number of bureaucratic measures that will likely delay that process.

"It would be wonderful if Harcombe and Clemson House had consistent, ready-made options like Schilleter," Farley said. "Additionally, it would be wonderful if at least one dining hall had a consistent vegan option that varied occasionally to make it more interesting. Schilleter added a hummus and veggie bar this year, which is awesome, and it would be great to see more nuts and beans available for snacks."



A wide variety of diet-specific foods are difficult to find on Clemson's campus.

COURTESY OF BOTTERLU RICK

***We, the undersigned faculty and staff members,
endorse the demands of the Coalition of Concerned Students:***

- 1.) We want President Clements to immediately make a public statement from Clemson University—to students, alumni, faculty, staff, administration and media—denouncing both the Crip'mas Party and hateful statements from members of the Clemson Family via social media (Yik Yak, Facebook, Twitter). Additionally, we want a public commitment from the Clemson University Administration to prosecute criminally predatory behaviors and defamatory speech committed by members of the Clemson University community (including, but not limited to, those facilitated by usage of social media).
- 2.) We want the construction of a multi-cultural center, a safe space for students from underrepresented groups.
- 3.) We want more funding for organizations whose primary constituencies are of under-represented groups (international students, students of color, LGBTQA community, etc.).
- 4.) We want the percentage of people of color in faculty and administration increased.
- 5.) We want the names of offensively named buildings, ex. Tillman Hall, changed.
- 6.) We want incentivized diversity training for administrators and faculty.
- 7.) We want diversity included as a Clemson University core value, starting with a diversity/university history component added to the CU1000 course.

Signed,

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THE CALLBACK CAMPAIGN

Remy Barnwell
Senior Staff Writer

With a Presidential election looming on the horizon, everybody can't help but wonder who will officially announce their candidacy in the following months. With President Barack Obama finishing out his second term, there is no doubt that we will see a new family in the White House sooner rather than later

(unless The Constitution is rewritten).

Looking at prospective candidates, however, you cannot help but feel a strong bout of déjà vu. The prospective candidate list is full of brothers, sons, wives, past candidates and even possibly the vice president? It is almost reminiscent of elementary school, when all the kids who were last to get picked for dodgeball form a league of their own. Maybe it's more akin to all of the Varsity and Junior Varsity football players at your high

school being injured and you feel socially obligated to watch the B Team play (because, come on, there's nothing else to do).

For the 2016 election, possible candidates for the Republican party include Rand Paul, son of Ron Paul; Sarah Palin, 2008 vice presidential candidate; Rick Santorum; Mitt Romney, 2012 presidential candidate and, yes, folks, Jeb Bush, brother of former President George W. Bush and son of former President George H. W. Bush (I'm still trying to

figure out how America let that happen). If Jeb Bush gets elected, America may have its very own dynasty and I may move to Canada. For the Democratic candidates there are less prospective candidates but no less familiarity. Hillary Clinton, wife of former President Bill Clinton and 2008 Presidential candidate is running and Joe Biden, current Vice President, may also potentially run.

Just writing the relationships that most of the candidates hold with

the past made me feel like I was rewriting Genesis and explaining the lineage from Adam to Moses. It seems like none of the prospective candidates come without baggage or "a past," and it also seems like both Republicans and Democrats ran out of fresh blood. In previous elections, it didn't seem like there were so many prospective candidates so close to election year. The 2016 election will no doubt be interesting, and I think we can call it "The Year of the Callbacks."

SURVEY: POTENTIAL CANDIDATES



45% - Undecided
16% - Mitt Romney
13% - Jeb Bush

REPUBLICANS



51% - Hillary Clinton
31% - Undecided
5% - Elizabeth Warren

DEMOCRATS

Letter

to the editor:

Dear Editor,

Byrnes. Hampton. Hagood. Rutledge. Tillman. Thurmond. McConnell. All those names send chills through many Black Americans bones who do not like their radical political views and sometimes culturally crass rhetoric. Still, those are some people that gave selflessly to this state to make it put in position to be filled with the awesomeness that we yearned for in the beginning.

MLK, Cosby and Thomas. Those three people have brought much inspiration to all Americans, but they are some of the most frequently accused womanizers in the black community. Should we try to erase their legacy? On another note, the monarchy of the Brits will forever influence this land we call America no matter how much we distance ourselves from it. They are the conceptual structure behind our three branches of government. Plus, we cannot forget about our founding fathers who had slaves and their works for America are invaluable. Thinking even further back in history in about 90 percent of Americans religion Christianity we read a holy book that was written mostly by three persons who committed murder named David, Moses, and Paul. Rev. Jesse Jackson should have considered this before he bandied about ill-advised insight about this issue. Thus, who do we think

we are to try to rename buildings in which the person's named bestowed upon it has contributions that are irreplaceable? Everyone has their miscues and blunders. It would be unfair to try to determine what faults are disqualifying and what is appropriate. We cannot try to subtract what these men have done for higher education in S.C. by measuring their possible inequities to appease some people.

God is using them to show South Carolina lessons that can be learned in humanity and how we should respect them for trying to do the best they could. Once we come together as a people and realize that we are all imperfect people journeying to our destinies we can glean from what these figures have brought to the table. Trying to eradicate their names from buildings to be renamed with people who have transgressions of their own that may not be widely known to us is beyond our power and capacity in judgment.

The wide range of human experiences that we all have helps us look at mistakes as blessings that can be a teacher for our lives. The vast history of our state and America should be looked at as a path of progression and not obliteration of the journey we took to make this a more perfect union. Our brokenness is our inherent connection as human beings lets not try to replace that.

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CALL TO TOLERANCE



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Saavon Smalls
Asst Outlook Editor

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! - Psalms 133:1

Believers are indeed brothers - Al-Hujurat, verse 10

These two quotes, related to the two most widely practiced religions in the world, represent brotherhood and the importance of camaraderie. Which is why the recent decision by Duke, made in regards to an attempt at unity, is baffling.

On Jan. 15, Duke decided to scrap its original plan to conduct the Muslim call to prayer through its chapel's bells. This decision was made just days after the plan was announced. Many attribute the reason to a large majority, including evangelist Franklin Graham, who believe the entire Muslim culture to be cruel and violent towards Christians. These opponents claim that the act would only create more tension, though University officials claim that the decision was based on a seemingly divisive campus.

Both statements are false. I simply cannot believe that Mr. Franklin and his supporters would

marginalize all Muslims with those kind of statements. Every day, a multitude of Muslims are discriminated against, taunted and ostracized for their beliefs. This is especially discomforting, as it has been proven that around 70 percent of Muslims reject extremists, such as al-Qaeda's, views. And though assuming may not always be the best idea, I'd venture to say that the Muslim students at Duke are in that majority. To cluster a mass of people together for the views of a few is not the "loving" disposition that Mr. Franklin claims to preach.

Also, I hate to inform you, Franklin, but Christianity's history is not as peaceful as it may claim to be. From the Crusades, to the KKK and even the Nazis, the bloodshed in the name of (the Christian) God runs just as deep as that in the name of Allah. Despite this, Christians are not subjected to the stereotypes and brutalities in which Muslims find themselves victimized. So why do you feel the need to perpetuate said labels?

Most importantly, as it was stated with its announcement, the ultimate reason for the planned call to prayer was to promote religious pluralism and agreement between the "feuding" religions. In a time

where religious tensions are at an all-time high, it is of utmost importance to lessen an established animosity. We live in a society where every time a terrorist attack occurs, politicians will jump up and down to claim that we are at a "religious war."

No we are not. In a nation that claims religious freedom, and with more than 4,000 religions in the world, no religion is feuding with another. It is simply a group of uninformed, prejudiced people attacking an undeserving majority without having sufficient enough reason.

Can I say that religion has led me to this realization?

No. I define myself as a secularist, but to me, it is not just a matter of believing in a specific god. It is believing in the companionship and solidarity that both religions were founded on.

To the Blue Devils, I think you made a mistake. You were on the track to becoming a trailblazer of cohesion within college campuses and you let people like Mr. Franklin deter you from doing so. Fight on and be the voices of the changes, because as Robert Green Ingersoll said, "Tolerance is giving to every other human being every right that you claim for yourself."

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Tiger Rants

To the construction workers outside of Holmes: f**k off!

If one more person posts about #deflategate, I will personally deflate them.

There's no such thing as having an outside conversation w/ all of this construction.

Tampons are ridiculously expensive.

There's no more tofu in Schilleter.

Is plagiarism wrong? Is it right? I wish professors would make that clear to us. #sarcasm

Why does my walk to class need to be longer than my drive there? Screw you, Clemson parking.



KNOWING YOUR TIGERS:

BEHIND THE BALL WITH ROD HALL

QUICK FACTS:

NAME: ROD HALL
HOMETOWN: AUGUSTA, GEORGIA
POSITION/NUMBER: POINT GUARD/#12
FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS: LITTLEJOHN
FAVORITE PLACE DOWNTOWN: TD'S
FAVORITE CLEMSON TRADITION: SOLID ORANGE



INTERVIEW BY: RACHEL EAGLETON **PHOTOGRAPH BY:** JOSHUA S. KELLY

With a quiet confidence, Rod Hall has helped lead his team in the right direction over the past four seasons. Leading the team with 642 career points and 287 assists, it is clear that he is confident on the court, and wanting to volunteer in the future demonstrates how confident Hall is off of the court. Take a look behind the ball with Rod Hall.

Rachel Eagleton: If I knew nothing about you, what would you want me to take from this interview?

Rod Hall: I like to watch movies a lot. My favorite is "Sixth Man" and "Bad Boys 2." The "Sixth Man" is a funny movie but it's also kind of a situation I was put in when my brother passed away. "Bad Boys 2" is a really funny movie.

RE: Tell me something that your fans would be surprised to know.

RH: I'm not sure about that question. We might need to skip that one.

RE: What is the biggest misconception that people have about you?

RH: They think that I'm really bad. I guess it's my appearance; they're kind of scared of me. I'm nice. I guess it's just the hair.

RE: What has it been like coming up in the new program that Coach Brownell

has created?

RH: I got here his second year, but I was in his first signing class. It's been pretty good. It's a lot of hard work. Coach Brownell is tough, but he's looking for the best for you. He pushes you out of your comfort zone to try to get you better.

RE: What's the biggest thing you've learned from Coach Brownell?

RH: That there's a lot of details that goes into planning a scouting report and that every possession matters.

RE: What do you want to accomplish in your last season at Clemson?

RH: I want to go to the NCAA Tournament. I just want

to make this last season the best that I can.

RE: What are your plans for after college?

RH: I would like to continue playing basketball, and whenever I'm done with that, I would like to help run a rec facility, such as a Boys and Girls Club. Boys and Girls club helped me stay out of trouble when I was younger. I started playing basketball a long time ago at a Boys and Girls Club.

RE: Talk about your first memory of playing basketball.

RH: I used to play rec a lot. At the Boys and Girls Club, we used to play this junior NBA thing where you'd start off on a Saturday and play every Saturday and then

they would feed us after the games. All of my friends used to be there; all of us used to play. That was one of the big highlights to me: just getting to play. The name of it made it really fun; junior NBA – you could be an NBA team. It was pretty good.

RE: How does that experience compare to playing now?

RH: Back then, it was just all fun. Now, it's more business-like. There's more structure and details that you have to follow.

RE: Talk about your experience playing in Italy.

RH: The worst part was that you couldn't use your cell phone. If you wanted to use your cell phone, all of us had

to go sit outside in this little courtyard to get free wi-fi. The best part was that it was a great experience for me. It was something I thought I never would experience. It was in a whole different country, and just seeing how different everything is, everything feels like they live a little different from us. If you go over there, you see that there's really not a divide between the low class and the high class.

RE: If you could tell the Clemson Family one thing, what would you tell them?

RH: I would tell them that I thank them for their support throughout my four years, and it really is like a family here. It's a really good atmosphere, and I really liked being at Clemson.

SUPER BOWL PREDICTIONS

Seahawks BY ELAINE DAY, SPORTS EDITOR

KEY PLAYER:

RICHARD SHERMAN. After suffering an elbow injury against Green Bay and playing the rest of the game with his arm fairly limp at his side, it will be interesting to see how Sherman fares during the Super Bowl. As one of Seattle's most important defensive presences, it will be imperative for Sherman to be healthy for the game. He has assured fans and the media that he will play, insisting that he's been able to move his arm a lot better during practice recently. He was seen wearing a brace during practice, but doctors say that it shouldn't hinder any of his movement, which is good news for Seattle. This season, including the playoffs, quarterbacks targeting Sherman were 34-72 for 473 yards, one touchdown and six interceptions. He's obviously a force to be reckoned with, even injured, as Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers did not throw in Sherman's direction at all during the NFC Championship. However, Sherman has not posted as remarkable numbers when covering shorter receivers; covering players like New England's 5'11" Danny Amendola and 5'10" Julian Edelman might be a challenge, but not one that Sherman shouldn't be up to on the biggest stage of the season.

KEY STAT:

MARSHAWN LYNCH'S 101 FORCED MISSED TACKLES AS RUSHER AND RECEIVER IN 2014. According to Pro Football Focus, that's the most in a single season since they started recording data in 2007. And that number was released before Beastmode forced 15 more in the NFC Championship game against the Packers. It's no secret that Lynch is one of the top running backs in the NFL, especially when it comes to avoiding tackles and still gaining yardage regardless of contact. Lynch led the league with 2.53 yards after contact per rush; bottom line is that he is hard to stop. He has a habit of pulling defenders along with him to gain a few extra inches, and it will be interesting to see how the Patriots defense tries to contain his explosive, physical style of play.

Score Prediction

24-17 Seahawks

VS.

Patriots BY RACHAEL EAGLETON, ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

KEY PLAYER:

ROB "GRONK" GRONKOWSKI. After coming off an ACL tear, Gronk has quickly returned to being an impact player on the team this year. Leading the team with 1,142 receiving yards, there is no doubt there will be multiple "Gronk Spike" touchdown celebrations at the Super Bowl; but I'm sure the balls will remain properly inflated. According to his offensive teammate, running back LeGarrette Blount, "[The Seahawks' defense] is not immortal. They can be beaten." With that being said, in Brady's offense we trust. In his media interview this past week, Gronk showed the crowd that he was more than just an amazing tight end, belting out Katy Perry's "Roar." One thing is for sure; he was not there just so he wouldn't get fined.

KEY MATCHUP:

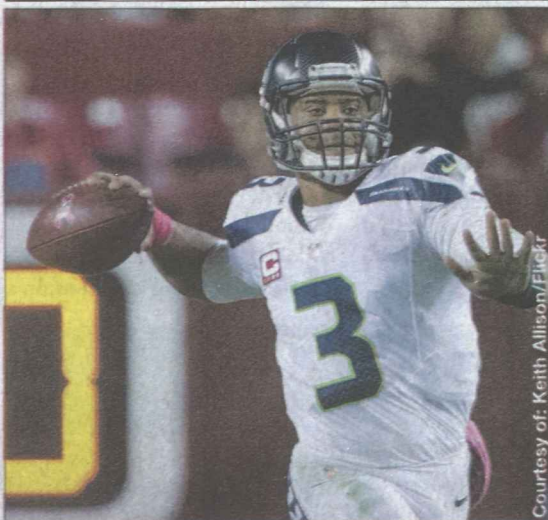
JAMIE COLLINS VS. RUSSELL WILSON. Collins is the Patriots team leader in tackles, with 112, and two interceptions. Usually quite high in the QB ratings (113.2), when he is put under pressure, Wilson's QB rating to a mediocre 75.7. This rating leaves him at 17th in the league, which is not where you would expect a Super Bowl bound quarterback to be. Another thing to keep in mind is the size difference between the two players; Collins has four inches and 50 pounds on Wilson, a size difference that could be the difference between a win and a loss for the Seahawks. If Wilson can somehow evade Collins, he may have a shot at leading his team to victory, but that's not likely to happen.

KEY STAT:

Entering his sixth Super Bowl, and on the hunt for his fourth ring, Tom Brady is the only quarterback to play in six Super Bowls. With a 65 percent completion rate in his five previous Super Bowls, and 64.1 percent completion rate this year, things are looking up for Brady in this year's match up.

Score Prediction

23-14 Patriots



AN OPEN LETTER to CLEMSON STUDENTS

We pledge to *all* Clemson students-present and future-that we support and will defend *your* freedom of thought, conscience, inquiry, speech, expression, and communication. It is our moral obligation as faculty to defend our students' basic rights to free speech and expression, whether we support those views or not.

We would therefore oppose all attempts by Clemson faculty and administrators to silence, suppress, or "prosecute criminally" thought and speech deemed vulgar, controversial, unpopular, insensitive, offensive, inappropriate, subversive, or blasphemous. We would regard any effort by Clemson faculty to censor and punish student thought and speech as especially disgraceful.

All students everywhere have a right to think, learn, and speak in an environment free of faculty or administrative threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion, and indoctrination.

Know this: Clemson students are legally entitled to the full protection of the First Amendment. Any denial of this right is illegal, unconstitutional, and a betrayal of Clemson's commitment to providing its students with a marketplace of ideas.

In the name of genuine tolerance and diversity, let there be no thought crimes or thought police at Clemson University. Our campus must be a refuge for free thought and speech, which includes ideas that we do not like or that make us feel uncomfortable. That's what a true university is and does.

Let all Clemson faculty and students unite to fight error and prejudice with rational arguments, critical investigation, and unfettered debate, which requires upholding the principle of free speech uncompromisingly.

We therefore pledge to you that we shall work tirelessly to fight censorship and to keep alive the spirit of open-minded inquiry at Clemson University.

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State of the Union: President winks, speaker sleeps, freedom not cheap

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The #SOTU address brought in more viewers than President Obama's appearance on The Colbert Report last month, and has reached the unofficial No. 5 spot on

Important Dates in American History:

1. July 4, 1776—America is born
2. Jan 1, 1863—Emancipation Proclamation
3. June 4, 1919—Women's Right to Vote
4. July 20, 1969—First Man on the Moon
5. Jan 20, 2015—93rd State of the Union Address

The president began by summarizing how far we've already come since his re-election in 2012. "750,000 jobs were being lost per month, 1.3 million houses were going into foreclosure annually, and the American auto industry was on the brink of collapse." Thank goodness he's been able to improve from whoever was previously in office.

In case anyone forgot, it was Obama. "I have no more campaigns to run," he said, which got some applause from Republicans. "I know, because I won both of them," he added with a wink. Democrats cheered. Although there is limited documentation on the subject, this is probably the first time a President has ever winked during a State of the Union address.

As he pointed out, the American auto industry has been on a steady increase in

production since Obama first took office in 2009. "The last time we were building cars this fast, the iPhone didn't exist," a graph displayed on screen. With all these cars and iPhones on the market, it begs the question—what will happen to automobile insurance? Obama seems to be following in the footsteps of actor Dennis Haysbert, who was the first black American to become president (on the hit TV show 24), and now does commercials for AllState. Will Obama follow Haysbert into the realm of car insurance? After all, he showed no fear in drastically changing American healthcare.

These thoughts were likely going through the mind of John Boehner, the Republican speaker of the house. Whatever he was daydreaming about, it was clearly not the speech. Sitting right behind the president and on-screen, Boehner did not applaud, crack a smile or show signs of life for most of the hour-long event. Perhaps he was waiting to hear about a plan on dealing with the national debt (most estimates are around \$18 trillion). Obama did not mention it once. But he did reveal his much anticipated tax reform plan: Make the top 1 percent start paying taxes. One can only wonder how they haven't been paying taxes all along.

President Obama has brought many of our faithful troops back home, and they received a standing ovation from everyone. He also spoke on how the US has successfully been

bombing the terrorist group ISIL. Our sources are unclear as to whether he meant to say ISIS, whether it was just a typo, or whether they have dropped 70 airstrikes on a group with the wrong acronym.

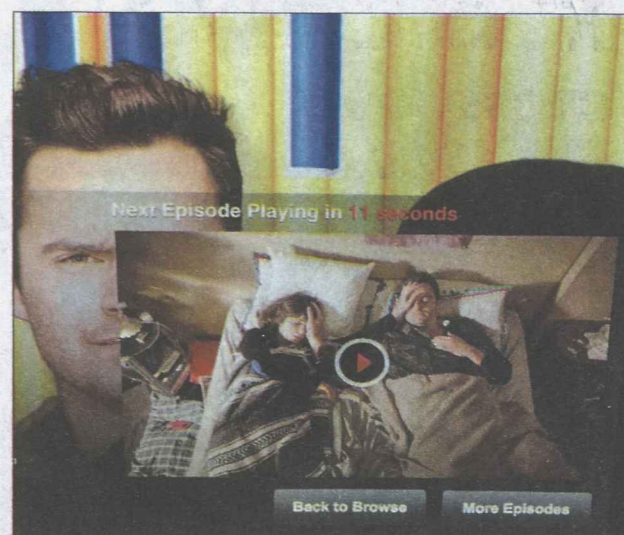
Obama gave some relationship advice concerning the US and Cuba: "When what you're doing doesn't work for 50 years, it's time to try something new." Most people applauded his logic. Boehner remained unaffected. He might have been wondering whether Cuban cigars would be as popular if they became legal.

The president reinforced his concern for the health and safety of the whole planet. He convinced China to pinky promise that they will peak their CO2 emissions around the year 2030 A.D. In just a short decade-and-a-half, the most populated country in the world might start breathing (relatively) clean air.

The scope of Obama's influence extends beyond China and into outer space. "NASA launched more earth-observing missions in the last 12 months than they have in any year for over a decade," he said. He did not mention what they are observing, or whether Edward Snowden will be allowed to return to the US under new immigration reform laws.

Above all, President Obama called for better politics, which he characterized by "spending less money on dark campaign ads that drag our minds through the gutter," and spending more on uplifting young people and giving them health, purpose and dreams.

"I want the same country that eliminated polio and mapped the human genome to lead a new era of medicine," said the creator of Obamacare. He pointed out that public high schools are handing out more diplomas than ever before. Crime rates and incarceration rates have both gone down. "Protect and serve all of us. That's a better politics. It's how we start rebuilding trust," he wisely said. It's how we can keep the state of the union strong.



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NETFLIX — A BETRAYAL

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Every once in a while I'll log into Netflix and notice another movie I have been hankering to watch has disappeared. Who would do such a thing?! Doesn't Netflix know that I've come to depend on their abundance of viewing options? I mean, I pay for this membership! Should I not at least have the comfort of knowing that movies or shows in my "up next" queue will stay put?

A few months ago I had a momentary coronary when I realized Grey's Anatomy had been taken down (it turned out to be a mistake, thank God) before the previous season was released. Sadly, it wasn't the first time that had happened to me. Multiple times I've searched for a show and found myself painfully teased; the title and cover pops up shouting in bold letters "this movie is unavailable to stream. Try out Netflix DVD!" As if I'm dumb enough to succumb to its devilish commands. Why does Netflix do this to us? Because I'm a decently intelligent human being, I know it's a strategy to pull in more money from the dark depths of our sad wallets; they want us to pay for their DVD service along with the streaming.

Ask any single, college-aged chap what they're doing

on a Sunday afternoon, and what will they say? "Finishing some homework." "Getting a head start on my studying." "Trying out that new evening yoga class!" You all know the truth though—they're going to be binge-watching Netflix until their eyes glaze over.

I, for one, am not ashamed of my addiction. Netflix and its auto play features have given me reason to stay in bed roughly four extra hours every day. It's easy to say "well the episode's only 20 minutes long ... That's the perfect amount of time to take a break from [insert subject here]." My condition could almost be described as cult-mentality. For example, whenever I meet someone else who spends 20 plus hours a week gorging on instant television I feel an instant brotherhood.

I don't feel guilty spending my time this way. I want to drink the Kool-Aid. I find it tasty and relaxing. However, I will never agree with the limited lifetime our favorite shows and movies have on this beloved website. I fear there is no coping strategy either. Each time a show gets taken off, it's like losing a dear friend. We'll either have to bum the hardcopy DVDs, buy the series from Amazon ourselves or settle for pirating them at the lowest quality online. Godspeed, and good luck to us all.

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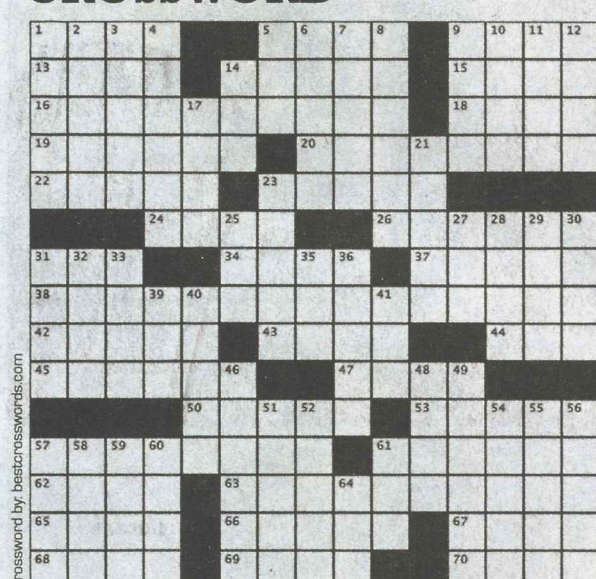


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Across

1- Magic stick;
5- Money-related; Abbr.;
9- The Elder or The Younger;
13- That's ___!
14- Outspoken;
15- ___ and terminer;
16- Resembling sugar;
18- Aromatic plant;
19- Unprincipled;
20- State of drowsiness;
22- Apartment sign;
23- Marsh of mystery;
24- Architect Saarinen;
26- Attire;
31- ___ were you...;
34- Cereal grain;
37- Like some vbs.;
38- In spite of;
42- Mountain nymph;
43- Petty quarrel;
44- CIA forerunner;
45- Strict disciplinarian;
47- Not of the cloth;
50- Not express;
53- Swedish imports;
57- Adjustable resistor;

61- Literary ridicule;
62- Over-50 org.;
63- Self-centered;
65- ___ Cong;
66- Home and Olin;
67- Internet writing system that popularized "pwn3d" and "n00b";
68- Greek goddess of strife;
69- Caustic substances;
70- Goes wrong;

Down

1- Attended;
2- Memorable mission;
3- Actor Williamson;
4- Formal order; 5- Pro;
6- Frostings;
7- Capital city of Yemen;
8- Ecclesiastic;
9- Silver salmon;
10- Affirmative votes;
11- Actress Hatcher;
12- Globes;
14- Actor Kilmer;
17- Abhor;
21- General Powell;
23- ___ Ark;
25- Go bad;
27- Old California fort;
28- Threesome;
29- Coop group;
30- Breakfast staple;
31- Are you ___ out?
32- ___ song (cheaply);
33- Tabloid tidbit;
35- Sugar amt.;
36- Stable compartment;
39- Armed conflict;
40- Graven images;
41- Loss leader;
46- No kidding;
48- This ___ outraged;
49- Bovine animals;
51- Shrewd;
52- Make up for wrongdoing;
54- Broadcaster;
55- Prickly plant;
56- Religious offshoots;
57- Pan's opposite;
58- "Aquarius" musical;
59- ___ saw Elba;
60- Chooses;
61- Paris possessive;
64- ___ in Charlie;

HOROSCOPES



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 19

Walking backwards three times around the Horseshoe is good luck. Get to steppin' — you need all the luck you can get on your next exam.



PISCES

Feb. 20 – March 20

Rumor has it that howling at the moon will make your true love appear by daylight.



ARIES

March 21 – April 20

Drinking four glasses of Schilleter milk will make your hair grow an extra inch every month. Slurp it down.



TAURUS

April 21 – May 20

Little known fact: the reflection pond has magical properties that make you instantly more attractive — but the water only works in the daylight.



GEMINI

May 21 – June 21

That black cat that lives on campus is a Clemson cat and therefore not unlucky. Rub its tail five times to unlock its mystical powers.



CANCER

June 22 – July 22

Putting mustard on your peanut butter sandwich creates a magical sauce that will make your next kiss delectable.



LEO

July 23 – Aug. 23

A troll lives under Library Bridge and will place a curse on you and your unborn children. Avoid at all costs and take a new route to class.



VIRGO

Aug. 24 – Sept. 22

Going commando will infuse your lunch hour with some zest.



LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

Clapping your hands as your professor takes roll will cast a magical spell on your life that will ensure you good grades for the entirety of a semester.



SCORPIO

Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

Write your name on the whiteboard before class begins and you might discover that the professor is really your long lost lover.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Wearing socks instead of mittens on your hands will cause snow by the weekend.



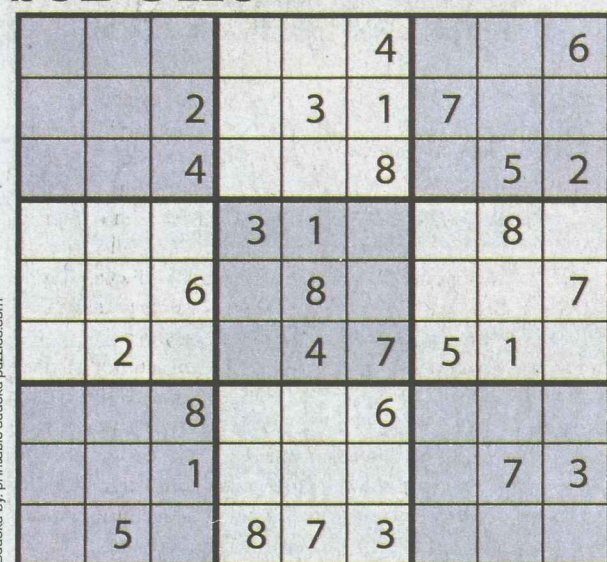
CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

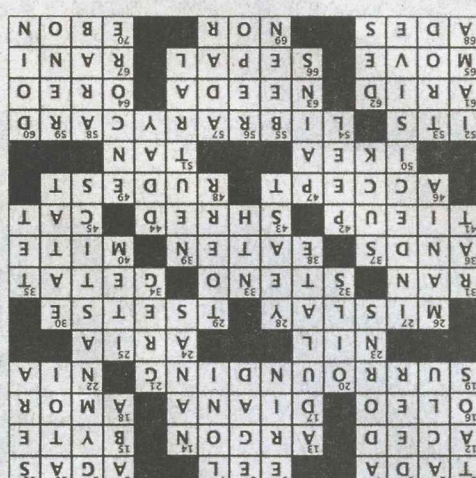
There's a magical bar downtown that only appears once a semester. Finding it will exponentially increase your chances of getting discovered while singing drunk karaoke at the top of your lungs.

Horoscopes by: TimeOut Staff

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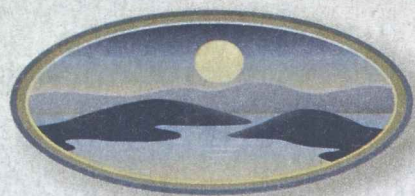
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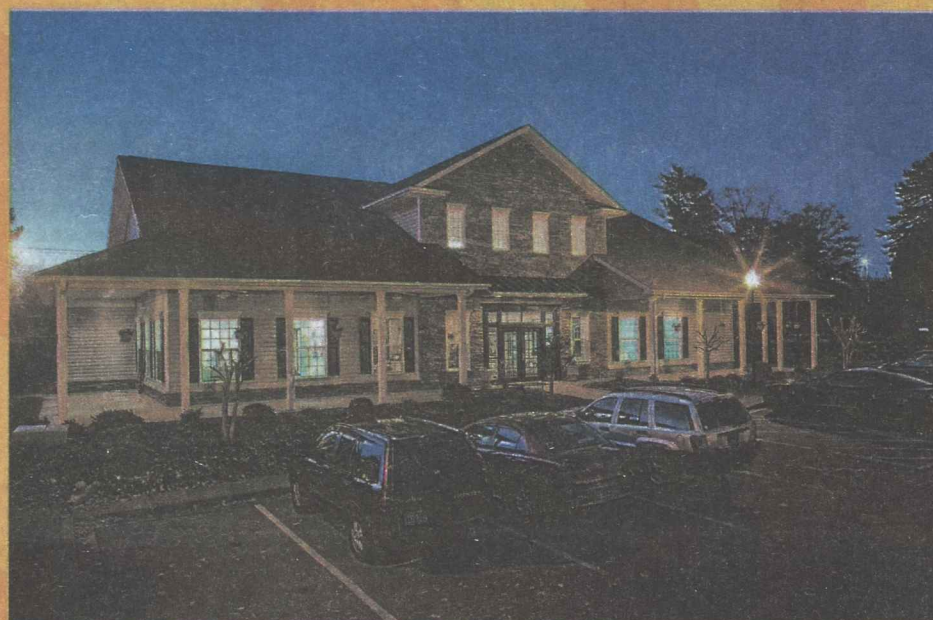
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